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## **La Porte investigators nab convenience stores for selling tobacco to minors**



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Three La Porte convenient stores were found to be selling tobacco products to minors after a series of compliance operations, according to investigators.

The operations occurred on November 12 and 13 at 31 La Porte area convenience stores.

Citations were issued to each clerk connected to the specific transactions.

According to La Porte police, all three stores found in violation had asked for identification from the minors and proceeded to sell the product.

As a result of the operation, a total of three local stores illegally sold cigarettes to the minor. This resulted in citations being issued to each clerk performing the specific transaction.

According to La Porte police, in all three incidences, the clerks knowingly sold the cigarettes to the minor.

The stores cited were the Tobacco Shop located in the 900 block of South Broadway, M&S Convenience Store 900 block of South Broadway and Citgo Service Station located in the 1100 block of West Main Street.

Investigators said that, overall, low sale numbers suggests recent alcohol sales operations in regard to minors have increased the frequency of store clerks asking for identification, taking the time to determine correct age.